

that the pending claims and English translation of the Annexes to the IPER are separately attached to the Preliminary Amendment of January 22, 2002. The English translation of the application attached to the Preliminary Amendment of January 22, 2002, may be substituted for the English translation of page 2 of the published application. Moreover, the published application included 23 claims on pages 60-70, which were the last ten pages of the English translation of the application submitted January 22, 2002. The applicants' remark in the Preliminary Amendment of January 22, 2002, is believed to have been sufficient to confirm for the Patent Office that the pending claims were separately attached as an English translation of the Annexes to the IPER, as required by the rules. Accordingly, there should be no confusion as to the pending claims, i.e., the English translation of the IPER which were submitted on pages 60-73 (claims 1-21), of the attachment to the Preliminary Amendment of January 22, 2002. The specification has been amended above to specifically request "amendment" of the specification to include these pages however the undersigned believes that as these "amendments" were made in the international stage that, the application should enter the U.S. national phase with these amendments having already been "entered". Further amendment of the application to include the same should not be required. Finally, these "pending" claims were further amended in the Preliminary Amendment of January 22, 2002 to delete improper multiple dependencies as noted in the Remarks of the Preliminary Amendment of January 22, 2002. Nothing further is believed to be required for entry of these amendments. The Office is requested to contact the undersigned however if anything is further deemed to be required.

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